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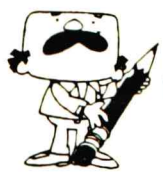

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THE DISENCHANTED

BY CHERYL COHEN

Mike Perri says word is out City Hall wants him to leave the Rec Department. Is that any way to treat a guy who puts in 30 hours of overtime a week keeping up with the kids?

Mike Perri, the energetic, dedicated recreation supervisor for the Lemon Grove Parks and Recreation Department, is a kid magnet.

He stoops down every minute or so to coach and counsel at eye level the dozens of kids who swarm around him at any given moment. Somehow, he finds the time to talk to them all. It's evident he makes each one feel important and capable of being a part of something larger than themselves.

But he doesn't have time to play janitor. And, that's exactly what he feels city management has forced him and the rest of his department to do. He says the rank and file are "ready to walk," and that city management is totally out of touch with their department heads and how they are doing their jobs.

He's also convinced that the city views him as a threat and want him pushed out of his job.

It wasn't always this way. When the General Plan was updated two years ago, he was in complete support of it, including the touchy-feely hometown concept of the city called Project Our Town.

Perri, an employee of the city for eight years, has worked 70 to 80 hours a week on his department's programs, because they were understaffed. And he says up until now, he's done it with enthusiasm.

"I *am* Project Our Town," he says. "I live and work here, I eat at Boll Weevils and Lido's, I hang out in Lemon Grove. I love the area; I just think that some that don't live here or whose kids don't come to school in the area don't care. They don't take the time to come across the street to see what's going on here."

Perri says employees of other city departments think his staff spends most of its time just shooting hoops.

He's talking about city staffers who work across the street but don't (and are not required to) live in the city, a bone of contention gnawed at the dinner table of many residents.

Perri says that, instead, he sees remarks in a city in-house survey that say his staff spends most of their time in the gym playing basketball.

"Doug Yount and city council have given me almost everything I need to run my programs up until now," said Perri. "But there's something about the blind faith they have in their department heads that leaves a lot to be desired. I think they've lost their vision."

He thinks the world of his own department head, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy McCadam, but says she hasn't been capable of doing her job since her husband died a couple of years ago. He blames the city for not convincing her to take a leave of absence so that she could spend some time recovering from her grief.

Perri's criticisms are numerous, but most focus upon the frustration he has when hundreds of parents and children are in the center all weekend for back-to-back games and activities. Much of the time, there is no soap or toilet paper in the bathrooms. Toilets overrun, sinks leak and replacement bathroom stalls promised since last July have still not appeared. It galls him that his department is in such disrepair and in full view of so many people.

"We went through channels with the proper work orders and we were told by public works people that it would be taken care of, but it never was," said Perri.

"There's a lot of unprofessionalism going on. I don't think their department head [Public Works Director Charles Stuck] has ever been in our building. I've never met the man, but you'd think if there was a walk-through of a building, he'd actually be there to do it personally."

Things have come to a head lately. During Christmas break, the Public Works Department was to perform maintenance on the recreation center. In fact, Perri's department was ordered not to work at all the second week, in order to give the city's janitorial contractor (Jani-King) and public works staffers a chance to work uninterrupted by Rec center activities.

The idea was to get the Community Center ready by Jan. 25 for the opening of the new Middletown Project, which involved moving the Rec center offices to the fire station.

Instead, Rec staff ended up doing most of the move themselves, because public works employees ended up painting what is called "the green house," and helping contractors with the new counter in City Hall.

Perri decided to become a squeaky wheel and things started moving - quickly. After repeated requests, he had a three-hour consultation with Yount concerning the gap which has grown between the two departments.

There was something more: eight years of approximately 30 - 40 hours of overtime weekly for which Perri was never paid. That's a very large number, and Yount immediately issued a letter to Perri acknowledging the city's intention to remedy the "violation of federal laws" in a meeting this week.

He's also consulted with an attorney to file a stress-related lawsuit against the city.

"Memos started flying," Perri said. "It wasn't supposed to be used as a chess piece, but when you feel like you're backed into a corner, you have to use what you can. People are going to try to come after me and say things that are untrue — the only time I get fired up is when I deal with adults who aren't doing their job."

That corner narrowed the following day, when Perri received an anonymous call telling him to remember what happened a former grounds maintenance employee whom Perri says was viewed as someone who was "going to snap" and was forced to quit.

He says he's being set up by the city to end up in the same position.

Assistant Public Works Superintendent Tim Fleming called off all maintenance at the Rec center last Thursday. Perri says it's just part of the plan to push him over the edge so that they can force him out.

Stuck has a different explanation, but it is couched by the fact that he is not allowed by law to discuss personnel issues, which is how he views much of the problem with Perri and the Rec Department.

Stuck says that he not only has inspected the department personally, he has also met with Perri.

Sometimes, however, City Hall gets preferential treatment. He says that a half-hour after his meeting with Perri, and before Stuck could accommodate him, Perri went over his head to Yount with his complaints.

"We've even hired a second person to do maintenance, but unfortunately, they've been put on the green house," he said.

(The facility will house a construction and inspection office, a common area for council members to use as an office, and also a "quiet area" where city staffers can work or do research in an uninterrupted environment.)

Stuck laments the fact that the Recreation Department feels like they're low on the totem pole, because he views them as their "most valued customer".

In fact, he said that Wayne Kincaide, the maintenance person who handles most of the Rec Department requests, is hurt by the criticism, because they get most of his time and energy.

Accompanied by McCadam, Stuck toured the conditions at the Rec center.

"The performance of the Jani-King franchise was completely unacceptable," said Stuck. "We thought that maybe the solution would be for the Rec Department to manage their own maintenance contract, but they didn't want to. Meanwhile, we've changed franchisees and started procedures to ensure they've done the work."

That's just part of the problem, as he sees it. He said he agrees that communication is sadly lacking — but maybe not in the same way Perri views it.

For one thing, he says Perri's department isn't following through with work order procedures which allow public works to track performance of contractors and staff.

Stuck added that when proper procedures were used, over 90 percent of the requests were handled within the same day.

On many occasions, maintenance workers have been pushed out of the buildings, he says, because of one recreation activity or another.

Fleming says that his Public Works has nothing to refute. Although the Rec Department already receives the highest quality service, there's always room for improvement, he says.

Stuck stands behind his staff's decision to pull maintenance work from the center until a meeting could be held about the personnel issues with Perri this week. In fact, he feels blessed that Fleming and he are on the same page.

"The city doesn't realize how well they've been served by Tim," said Stuck of his assistant. "Bottom line is that the Rec Department has to be served. It's my job to find a way to make them happy with the work that is provided for them."

Local input urged for regional growth summit

by Joe Naiman

Many of those who spoke at the Board of Supervisors meeting Jan. 12 were receptive to a county-sponsored regional growth conference but hoped that it wouldn't lead to a loss of local control.

The supervisors set a Regional Growth Conference/Workshop for March 24 and formed a Smart Growth Coalition in the hopes of addressing the county's predicted population expansion of 1 million in the next 20 years and demand for an roughly 400,000 new housing units during that time.

"I would only appeal to you to deal with the words inclusion and governance," said La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid.

Madrid stated that the issues of regional coordination date back to the 1970s when leapfrog development failed to provide the necessary amenities and infrastructure. "Mira Mesa is a classic example of where we are again today."

Madrid suggested that fiscal reform be added to the conference topics. "Those of us in local government are at the mercy of the state on any given day."

Madrid explained that unless constitutional reform is established, jurisdictions will try to cannibalize one another. "We have to get away from that kind of cannibalism."

Madrid also urged that jurisdictions and other parties be forthright with one another. "One of the things I want to make sure is we deal with openness," he said.

Madrid is also the president of the San Diego Association of Governments, which has jurisdictional authority over transportation planning matters and issues research reports, advice, and some funding over other regional planning matters. "Those of us at SANDAG are prepared to assist you," vowed Madrid.

Former Grossmont Union High School District candidate George Vanek, who chairs the Alpine Community Planning Group, said that shutting down growth is not an option. But Vanek supports the conference, provided that there is representation from every member of the Board of Supervisors so that all districts will be represented.

Bob Leonard, the executive director of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, echoed the call for separate community characteristics. "When you're trying to combine 25 different things, one size doesn't fit all."

Al Stehly, the president of the San Diego County Farm Bureau, noted that addressing growth would allow affordable housing for farm workers. "We are also concerned about growth problems," he stated. "Hopefully the proposals before you today will only be the beginning."

While many speakers proposed an urban limit line, as was proposed in the Proposition B initiative which failed in November's elections, small farmer Patsy Fritz noted that her commute was to the next parcel.

"We need more ten-acre farms," she said. "These people are not going to be commuting on the roads."

Fritz stated that the jobs should be where the homes are and the homes should be where the jobs are. She also expressed concern about the effect of excessive regulation on future generations.

"We've got to protect the future generations going forward," she said. "We can't keep nailing our young people with huge housing costs."

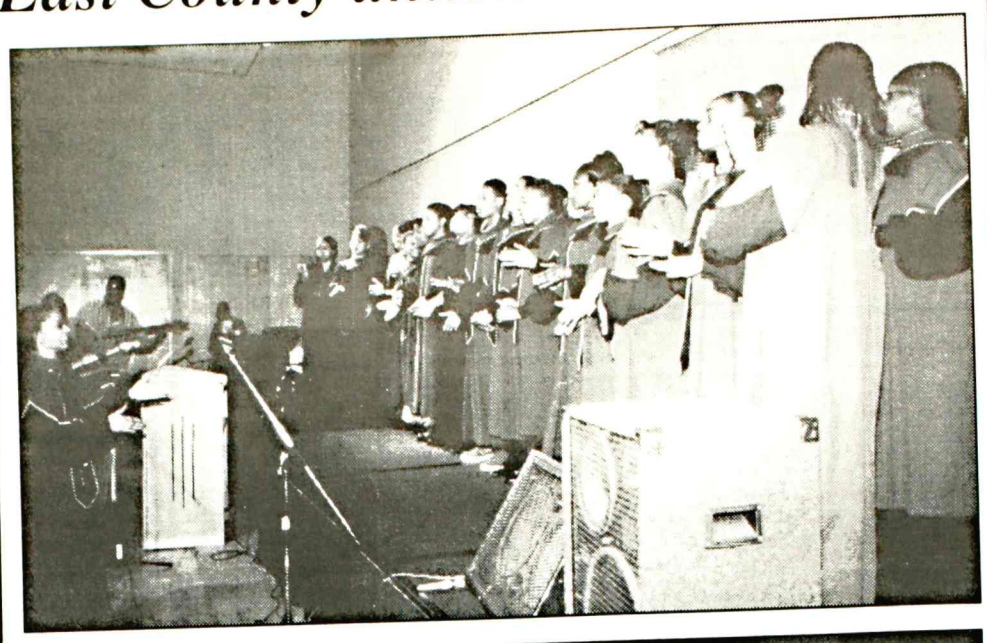
Fritz also noted that increasing the cost of housing through regulatory fees increases the property tax based on the home's value. "You've got to give these people something back from their property taxes."

Supervisor Dianne Jacob promised to fight for preservation of local control. "The time is now to think regionally, but the activity will be locally."

Supervisor Pam Slater's plan for the Regional Growth Conference/Workshop include inviting representatives from local city governments, environmental groups, planning groups, the building industry, business groups, and corporations within the county. Subjects to be addressed include housing density, availability, and affordability, environmental impacts, and adequacy of infrastructure for water, sewer, and transportation needs. Slater's workshop is a one-time occurrence, but the Smart Growth Coalition proposed by Supervisor Ron Roberts would be tasked with defining, articulating, and developing solutions for growth issues facing the region.

The approval of a conference and a Smart Growth Coalition passed 4-0. Supervisor Bill Horn was not in the chambers when the vote was taken.

East County united



Personal tales of discrimination and enlightenment from East County's four mayors punctuated an evening of art, music and dance at Sunday's KingFest East County.

Performers included (top) the St. Stephen's Youth Choir and the BalladMongers (lower right).

Mayors pictured are (left to right) Mark Lewis (El Cajon), Mary Sessom (Lemon Grove), Jack Dale (Santee) and Art Madrid (La Mesa).

Heading up the stage crew were (below, left) Avery Green and Francis Thomas.

Photos by Jason Williams and Steven Saint

Federal grant to fund county drug court though 2001

The Board of Supervisors has accepted a $1.9 million federal grant that will fund the San Diego County Drug Court Program through 2001.

The innovative program tackles crime and escalating costs in the criminal justice system by allowing non-violent alcohol- and drug-addicted offenders to receive substance abuse treatment and recovery services as an alternative to jail.

"This funding is a significant step toward establishing a permanent Drug Court system in the region," said Supervisor Ron Roberts, who recommended the establishment of a drug court pilot program in 1996. "It supports the board's ongoing efforts at reducing substance abuse as a major contributing factor to criminal activity in the county."

Board Chairwoman Pam Slater said the program is valuable.

"Since the initial pilot, the results have been extremely gratifying," she said. "With this grant, we can continue treating substance abusing offenders. As a result, a great many of them will become productive members of our communities."

Drug courts operate in all areas of the county. The grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will fund a program that provides treatment and testing services each year to 185 adults while under intensive court supervision.

The program aims to help participants become productive, drug-free members of society.

A special Drug Court workshop will be featured at the County of San Diego Substance Abuse Summit IV, April 29 - 30, at the Town & County Convention Center.

16,000
newspapers all over the place
Forum!

Hospice looking for volunteers

The Hospice of Grossmont Hospital and Sharp HealthCare is looking for compassionate, caring volunteers to work with terminally ill people.

Comprehensive training is required. The next five-week, 40-hour training session will begin Jan. 29. Volunteers work with one patient at a time and are asked to give at least a one-year commitment of four hours weekly. For information about the program or to register, call 667-1900.

Commentary

Stamp of approval

by Joe Naiman

Although I usually criticize government, sometimes I must mention that a government agency has done the right thing. Such is the case with this month's Post Office rate increases.

The United States Postal Service is marginally government. It's a nationalized industry, which means that the only actual power it has over American citizens is control of prices and locations. But since it relies on private participation, as opposed to compliance under power of fines and imprisonment, it tends to operate like a private business.

Since the Post Office is a part of the Federal Government, it is subject to more Congressional oversight when it sets its rates. But no reasonable Congressman, or even a reasonable public citizen, ought to complain about this Post Office rate increase.

First of all, the one-cent increase for single-ounce first-class mail marks the first time that such rates have only increased by a penny since postage went from five cents to six in 1968. Since then we have had five increases of two cents, four of three cents, and one of four cents. This alone should be cause to celebrate the prudence of the United States Postal Service.

But more important is the time intervals of the two most recent rate increases. In 1985, when rates rose to 22 cents, we were told that the Postal Service had a long-term budget plan which would involve rates every three years. This turned out to be the case when rates were raised to 25 cents in 1988 and 29 cents in February 1991.

With such prior warning, postal rate increases become more acceptable. A rate increase in 1994 would have been palatable, since it would have been consistent with the three-year structure. But the Postal Service was able to maintain the 1991 rates for another year, holding off until 1995 to raise its rates.

Had the postal rates been increased in 1998, we would have accepted the first rate increase in three years. The fact that the U.S. Postal Service once again was able to stretch its budget on the previous rates for four years is commendable. It shows admirable operation of the Post Office, and raising rates in 1999 shouldn't be cause for criticism but cause for positive recognition of the Post Office's ability to hold the 32-cent rate beyond what was expected.

The 1995 increase was effective Jan. 1, which meant that those sending letters to beat the new increase (including mass mailings) and those who were sending Christmas cards or thank-you notes created an abnormally long peak period for Post Office use.

If there was anything to criticize about the Post Office's 1995 increase, it was that they couldn't have held off to early February as they did in 1991. This time they have learned their lesson, although the rate increase takes effect with mail postmarked January 11, it provides some isolation between Christmas and end-of-year mailings and last-chance mail under the old rates.

Then again, there probably was less mail sent slightly early to take advantage of the old rates. Not only is the increase only a penny, but the rate for subsequent ounces falls from 23 cents to 22. This means that the 55-cent rate for a two-ounce letter is unchanged, and for heavier first-class letters the postal rates actually go down. So for the first time this century, some postal rates have been decreased.

So with a minor, later-than-expected, increase, and even a decrease, the new postal rates are more than just acceptable. They're a sign that the Post Office has done extremely well.

PG Perspectives

Background music

by Phillip Giannangeli

My daughter, bless her heart, turned me on to this wonderful idea that could add new life to PG Perspectives for this new year. It's so clever I really want to share it, but the part of me that is laced with writer's envy warns that the likes of Will Durst, Dave Barry or even that Martha Stewart woman might pluck it away from me and make it their very own. It is such a unique proposal, though, that I just can't keep it a secret.

Coming soon, a CD sound track for each and every PG Perspectives! How's that for an idea whose time is a dawning? Pop in the accompanying CD, sit back in your favorite easy chair, and enjoy the read. CD sound tracks have been successful in other mediums and now seem ready to move over to printed work. Let me see if I can explain this, give credit where it is due, and wax eloquent on its future with Forum Publications. Well, maybe I can succeed on two out of those three and that ain't too bad, tra la la.

First, the idea for this innovative approach came from a radio review of a book. That's right, a book. Not a movie, video, documentary, TV show, or any other type of multimedia.

The review on National Public Radio was for a book written by Mark Hudson. the title of the book is The Music In My Head and here's the breakthrough: it comes with its own music CD. Now, if that isn't a clever marketing ploy, I'm Regis Philbin - and you cant' begin to imagine how much that would hurt. Anyway, there's the written word and , now added to it, a music sound track on a Compact Disk. How brilliant does one have to be to receive a Pulitzer?

So there's my daughter doing this mental leap frog from movie CD to book CD to PG Perspectives CD. She gifted me with the idea and then left, returning to her studies at Stanford. She left me with one admonition though: no one must ever know it was her idea.

Yeah, yeah, who's going to know anyway? I just need to convince my editor that the cost for such a brilliant idea shouldn't put him off and then I have to locate the right music for each column.

For a column such as this one, I think I need a sound track that is like the ones from "Chariots of Fire," "Close Encounter of the Third Kind," or "Titanic." Music that says there are things of major import about to happen and you better pay attention.

When writing about East County and trying to develop a corresponding sound track, I think I'll need to take into consideration the characteristics of the community I'm highlighting. If it's El Cajon, for example, a Country Western sound track might be appropriate. How about the same for Lakeside with perhaps some good old fashioned Gospel music mixed in, a musical theme for a story on La Mesa might be along the lines of the swing tunes of the 40's. The sound track for a Santee piece should probably be a cross between Easy Listening and New Age. And when it comes to Spring Valley and Lemon Grove, Pop or Reggae or even Rap music might be the right additive for a column about those communities.

Sometimes the topics that present themselves for a particular column are slightly out of the ordinary. I think the CD accompanying those columns should be one with synthesized music. It would give that somewhere-far-off-in-the-universe feel. I've often been told that is just what some of my columns bring to mind.

I have also on occasion commented on the national political scene. I'm not quite sure what kind of music should accompany those kinds of columns but my daughter had an idea. She suggested that the music that could augment those columns or just about any piece I wrote would be the music she remembers best from he childhood years: the music that accompanied her favorite cartoons on Saturday mornings. She barely escaped the "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To" CD I threw at her as she skipped out the door.

Reel thoughts

Kilmer almost saves 'At First Sight'

by Betty Jo Tucker

Surprisingly, there have been only 20 cases of restored sight during the last 200 years.

In "At First Sight," moviegoers have the chance to see why many of the people involved in these cases were not able to deal with their new lives and preferred not to see.

Val Kilmer ("Heat," "Ghost and the Darkness") plays Virgil Adamson, a small-town blind masseur, who undergoes experimental surgery to correct his physical blindness. Virgil agrees to the operation at the request of his new girlfriend, a stressed-out New York architect (Mira Sorvino).

Even though the surgery seems successful, Virgil has serious problems adjusting to the world of sight. He discovers that to become a sighted person he must give up his life as a blind person — a life he has found quite satisfying.

Dr. Oliver Saks, author of the true story behind this movie, writes in the production notes, "Blind people are touch people, with tremendously developed powers of touch. Virgil doesn't see his blindness as a problem. He's not complaining. His touch world, his hearing world, his work as a masseur, his interest in sports are all in remarkable shape. It is others, sighted people, who think he should be given sight."

Kilmer's portrayal of Virgil communicates both sensitivity and strength. His projection of emotional confusion when seeing objects for the first time comes across with amazing realism.

Amy Benic (Mira Sorvino) meets and falls in love with Virgil Adamson (Val Kilmer) while vacationing at an upstate New York spa in MGM Pictures' contemporary love story, "At First Sight."

In preparing for this challenging role, the former "Batman" star studied the movements of a sculptor friend who was blinded in Vietnam. According to Kilmer, there's a lot of Virgil in this friend.

"He also has a great sense of humor and the inner strength you must have to survive."

Although director Irwin Winkler ("The Net") admits being drawn to this story because of its scientific theme, he had the good sense to avoid making a medical documentary.

"The technical callenge was finding a way to show what the world looks like to someone who hasn't seen. The challenge artistically was keeping that technique to a minimum so it didn't become a distraction to the human story," Winkler explains.

Unfortunately, neither Kilmer's performance, as good as it is, nor Winkler's humanistic approach, noble as it is, hides the fact that "At First Sight" is an overlong melodrama with only average entertainment value.

The love scenes seem forced (except for one erotic massage sequence); extraneous characters (like Sorvino's ex-husband) take up too much screen time; and the background music manipulates emotions without a trace of restraint.

Still, it's refreshing to sit through a movie that doesn't feature violent behavior, obscene language, or even one car chase.

Letters to the Editor

Forgettably simple

If one was asked to choose the most important amendment to the constitution, the ninth would probably be overlooked. It has not been used because it would do what it was intended to do. It would curtail much of the eccentric thinking of our society and eliminate many unnecessary and superfluous laws.

It would also put a limit to abusive use of our cherished freedoms.

To limit freedoms is an ardent and almost impossible task to put into writing. Not being able to list all of the freedoms and to put limitations on those listed came one of the wisest means of curtailment. The ninth amendment

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In a society going head on into using technicalities and gimmicks to avoid loyalty, honesty, integrity, moral principles and accepted social standards, it is easy to see why the 9th Amendment is ignored.

WILLIAM RIDGWAY
La Mesa

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In a world that's filled with little ups and downs, LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE is one company that makes it easy for you to stay on the road in the right direction. Here they specialize in complete automotive service for your car, truck, van and 4x4, both foreign and domestic. They have the experience and the tools to get the job done right the first time.

LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE is situated in Lemon Grove at 8183 Broadway, phone **463-4066**. Simply said, the service found here is simply exceptional.

When it comes to working with people you know and can trust, LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE is in a league of their own. If you're not already familiar with their wide range of personalized service, then you're missing out on a really good thing. All the folks at LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE are anxious to go to work for you.

ONE HOUR MARTINIZING

In today's busy and hectic world, it's easy sometimes to forget to show appreciation to those customers who mean so very much to a business. We would like to talk to you about a company that has never hesitated in saying "Thank You" for you choosing to do business with them.

Regardless of what your cleaning requirements are...this is one firm which can take care of it. From draperies to down-filled clothing...from suede to sleeping bags...from suits to shirts...they can clean it!

ONE HOUR MARTINIZING is located at Highway 94 & College Ave. in Lemon Grove, phone **463-4555**. Each and everyone of the people at ONE HOUR MARTINIZING are eager and willing to help you in any way they can. Get acquainted with the exceptional folks who make up this company and always go out of their way to say "thanks". Your continued confidence in their company means the world to them. Thank you.

NAPA AUTO PARTS

In sports, it takes a very special team to be the best. You need to call the right plays....have the finest talent....and you need to play the game harder and better than anyone!

Well at NAPA AUTO PARTS, located at 620 Grand Ave. at Jamacha Blvd. in Spring Valley, phone **461-6100**, they have a very special team that will take care of you with the reliance and skill of a champion. At NAPA AUTO PARTS, you will find parts for your cars, trucks, vans, 4x4's and heavy trucks. You'll not only find accessories, but books too. Napa tools for the professional and do-it-yourselfer are available here with a lifetime warranty.

The people at NAPA AUTO PARTS over in Spring Valley not only call the right plays....but they also pride themselves in offering you expert team players who treat all of their customers like champions. Everyone here wants you to know that your patronage is never taken for granted, and they hope to see you often in 1999.

BROADWAY ANTIQUE MALL
LEMON GROVE ANTIQUES

During the year, with the rush of so many activities, it's easy sometimes to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of any successful company. One of the great pleasures of the New Year is having the opportunity to exchange greetings with those customers whose friendship is valued so very, very highly.

It is in this spirit that BROADWAY ANTIQUE MALL, located at 7945 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone **461-1399** and LEMON GROVE ANTIQUES, located at 7917 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone **461-1361** wish to say "Thank You" and extend their appreciation for your choosing to do business with them.

These people have been a friend and partner of our community for a long time and are best known for offering not only feature choice antiques and collectibles, but also vintage china, cut glass, memorabilia and much more. For information or antique appraisals, call them today.

COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES

"Working Hard Everyday to Earn Your Trust"

When it comes to choosing someone to repair your vehicle, the last thing you want to trust is your luck. The problem with the "good luck method" is that you never know just how long your good luck will hold out. This is precisely why it pays to depend on an established firm such as COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES located at 6998 Broadway (Broadway exit off 94) in Lemon Grove, phone **464-6200**.

At COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES they are known for offering transmission driveline rebuilding and general automotive repair. They also offer complete computer diagnostic service to help save you both time and money. They are known for offering hometown service with a nationwide warranty with ATRA, "the sign of quality." COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES is also proud to be an A+ rated company by the Government Consumer Agency.

DAVE'S FEED STOP

It's a crazy world out there. But thank goodness there are still a few things you can still count on. Like sunrise and sunset. And the weatherman being wrong.

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RANCHO AUTO BODY

Finding a body shop is relatively easy. But finding a body shop that you can totally trust is something else. People from this area are very fortunate to have RANCHO AUTO BODY with whom they can always take their car to with complete confidence and trust of the best possible service.

We would like to bring to your attention RANCHO AUTO BODY, located at 9451 Jamacha Blvd. in Spring Valley, phone **465-6094**. RANCHO AUTO BODY has been building their excellent reputation for many years and are known for being the areas full service body shop. Here they are experts in auto body repair, painting and frame straightening, for your foreign and domestic cars and trucks.

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PALOMAR CLEANERS

You can sure forget your hang-ups when it comes to finding a quality dry-cleaners. Your worries are over when you let PALOMAR CLEANERS take care of your clothes. In our selection this year of outstanding businesses, we are especially pleased to include this fine company.

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The management here has always gone out of their way to invite our readers in because your business means a lot of them, not just this year, but in years to come.

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MARTIN ROOFING CO. INC.

Some people long for perfection. Others demand it. It is for these people that we bring to your attention the name MARTIN ROOFING CO. INC. They are located at 6608 Federal Blvd. in Lemon Grove, phone 287-6860.

Their success and popularity is due to the fact that they specialize in new roofing or re-roofing for both your home and business. This company is everything you ever heard it was...and then some. They simply do not understand the meaning of compromise.

We, the editors, suggest you treat yourself to the all-but-forgotten art of personal service and contact MARTIN ROOFING CO. INC. this week. We're certain that this kind of quality company will be just right for you. For estimates or questions phone 287-6860.

Everyone here considers it an honor to be able to serve you and your future patronage is very much appreciated.

—— A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. ——

The New Year is here. Whatever your plans are, whether it's to take a trip, do some chores around the house, visit some friends, or just put your feet up and enjoy some quiet time, the folks at A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. wish you the best year ever.

Like an old friend, you may not need to call on this company often. But it's nice to know that they will always be there when you need them. A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. is located at 3444 Citrus in Lemon Grove, phone 466-6333, and they are here to help families who need their loved ones transported "back home" for funeral services, or for families considering cremation services.

A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. wishes you and yours a happy and healthy year. They urge everyone not to drink and drive this year. Thank you.

CARLTON CABINETS

Do you agree that "old-fashioned quality" is something that's pretty hard to find these days? Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to make a profit that true craftsmanship and quality products are oftentimes overlooked. This simply is not the case with CARLTON CABINETS located at 8179 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 465-6900.

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FOOD 4 LESS

Food prices are a major concern these days and smart shoppers are always trying to find good buys on the items they need. If you shop at FOOD 4 LESS, you'll always save because, on the average, their prices ARE lower every day!

With store location at 7420 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 463-4774, this "money saver's market" features EVERYTHING you need AND want for better eating on a budget. Volume buying is the secret and this is one store which believes in passing on the savings to their customers. The people at FOOD 4 LESS thank you for remembering them throughout 1998 and they all look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Remember the name FOOD 4 LESS next time you're going shopping. You'll save money and you'll enjoy the friendly, courteous attention you receive. You'll want to make shopping at this well-known market a regular habit.

—— VILLA TROY SENIOR RESIDENCES ——

At VILLA TROY SENIOR RESIDENCES, the difference really shows. Here you can take it easy! You're retired, and you owe it to yourself to really enjoy all those years to come. VILLA TROY SENIOR RESIDENCES is a totally unique community for the retired person, and there's a place for YOU at this well-known retirement center.

Located at 8914 Troy in Spring Valley, phone 697-4656, this is a place where you can really relax and spend your time enjoying life instead of worrying about little things. This is one place where retired men and women can do the things they've always wanted to do but just never had the time! Your favorite sports, hobbies, and pastimes can become a pleasant reality when you're a resident of one of the area's best-liked retirement communities: VILLA TROY SENIOR RESIDENCES! Here they also offer assisted living services including bathing, dressing, medication management and more. Remember: The difference shows.

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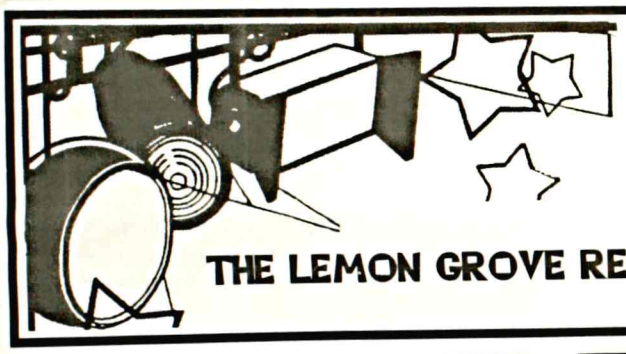

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Learn how to format each nonfiction chapter for unity, how to pitch your creations through query and proposal, and learn how to promote your book according to your personality and budget.

This 16-week program meets from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. each Tuesday from Jan. 26 to May 29 at the La Mesa Senior Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd. The class is free with a $4 materials fee and is open to anyone over 18. To register, show up at the center or call Cullins at 466-0622.

Brain foods

Trouble remembering someone's name? Misplace your glasses or keys? Did you know your brain is hungry 24 hours a day?

Think faster, expand your memory, intelligence and concentration, fight "free radicals" and feed your brain with "superfoods." Learn 12 common causes of memory loss.

"You can increase your brain's oxygen and retrieve memory through green phytochemicals, all completely safe, with no side effects," Cullins said.

This 15-week program called "Life 101" will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from Jan. 26 through May 27 at the La Mesa Senior Center. The course is free with a $4 materials fee. Just show up at the center or call 466-0622.

Speed reading

"Speedreading and Superlearning," a four-week seminar will be offered from 6 - 9 p.m., Jan. 27 through Feb. 17. The class will take place at Santana Adult Center, 9915 N. Magnolia Ave. in Santee.

The cost is $27, with a $10 materials fee to be collected at the first class meeting. Five colored felt-tip pens and a pocket calculator should be brought to class.

To preregister for the class call 596-3657.

Natural writing

Explore fiction and nonfiction reap the benefits of classroom feedback and guest speakers. Learn the techniques of research, revision, interviewing and manuscript preparation. Write a query, a proposal and learn the game of self-publishing.

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Your creative self

Satisfy your desire to explore, take yourself off the back burner, reach for new heights and depths of expression. Reclaim your life, engaging fully in what matters to you.

Based on *The Artist's Way*, this 15-week seminar will allow and encourage you to have fun, nourish and experience your authentic self, increasing lightness and energy through group discussion, meditation and hands-on activities.

This free seminar will meets from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. from Jan. 28 to May 29 at the La Mesa Senior Center.

Letters to the Editor

Treat your teachers well

This is an open letter to all of the school children in San Diego County. I've been there and done that!

I didn't always live up to my teachers' expectations. Some deserved better of me. I grant you that there are some teachers whom you think the world of and some you find not so likeable, but, remember they are all some of the most important people you ever knew or will know.

They all deserve your unyielding respect and devotion.

Teaching is, in my opinion, the most honorable of all of the professions. With a little effort, being a good student can be an honorable profession, too.

There is much talk about how our teachers or our school systems are failing us. I don't buy that. I know for a fact that many students appear to not have been adequately taught when, in fact, the truth is that they didn't even try to get an education regardless of the capabilities and intentions of their teachers.

Please, students, give your teachers their due respect and cooperation and try to get the education they want to give to you.

This is probably the most serious letter I have ever written and I mean everything I have written from the bottom of my heart.

SHERMAN H. JOHNSON
Lemon Grove

Must have been an angel

I had a small package to mail to my nephew, wrapped and addressed. I was mall-walking (carrying it), and when I got to the post office, I had lost it. Couldn't find it.

I got a big surprise in the mail today. Someone had found it and mailed it back to me. Thank you! Good people walk and shop at Grossmont Center.

ELEANOR PONSFORD
San Diego

Commentary

The Impeachment Monotony

by Bob Burns

There is *one* and only one person responsible for the years of dragged-out occupation that has all but paralyzed our nation.

The millions of dollars and countless hours that have been expended must be debited to the account of William Jefferson Clinton. Had he obeyed the most basic laws of our nation and been truthful under oath, it all would never have happened.

To not call account for these wasted dollars and invaluable legislative time, much less the clear violation of law, is to permanently damage our legal system.

Yes, we are all tired of it, and yes, it is taking precedence over the crucial work of our government, and yes, it has made the USA a laughing stock around the world.

Our most revered presidency is the constant brunt of crude jokes from the livingroom to the local bar, to the talk shows, and yes, to everyone around the globe.

Certainly the antagonism between political parties does exist and it always will. A victory, large or small, over one's opponents in the electorate will always be desirable to prolong ideologies.

But the blind position of being a Republican or Democrat in a situation like this impeachment of a political figure, just has to be wrong.

Winning reelection to office, or by way of extreme affection or hatred for an individual, just cannot be the totally compelling reasons for a decision in such an important matter.

With both sides of the aisle being guilty as charged, I would say that it is the pot calling the kettle black, and the Democrats being equally, if not more, partisan in the matter of impeachment that now confronts the Senate.

For the Republicans, they are doing some self-destructive things politically. I do not believe that they really want Al Gore to assume the presidency and use the next two years to shed the Clinton sleaze.

To change the party's image to squeaky clean and shift the public image of Democratic leadership from pornography to paragon.

This would virtually assure their victory in the next presidential race. The fact that public opinion is fed up with the whole mess is another detriment to the GOP cause. Even though Clinton has caused the problem, the Republicans are being blamed for the effects of his behavior.

However, the managers have put the presidency and the country ahead of political correctness. Even though public opinion makes their actions dangerous for future elections, they are courageously doing the right thing.

The bottom line, which no one is heard to deny, is that our president has behaved very wrongly and must in some way be punished. If he is vindicated for any reason, our country, its laws and the image we have around the world will be permanently damaged.

The ideas of what future defense pleas will be when the oath is taken, are just limitless. The effect upon our children may well doom the concepts of right and wrong forever.

If, as I hope will happen, they do convict, but allow our president to remain in office to try to heal the nation, a proper message will go out from this whole mess.

No man is above the law, and our nation, with our representative form of government, can survive and flourish. A strawman, or whatever Jay Leno wishes to call him, could finish out the term without further harm to our nation.

The country could then fully and honestly evaluate these past many months and make a good determination of what the whole affair has accomplished.

This final decision will be evident at the ballot box and I have confidence that it will be the best for our nation.

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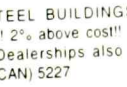

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Community Notes

Chamber to host Souper Bowl Supper

A Souper Bowl Supper will be hosted by the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce from 6 - 10 p.m. on Jan. 30 in the Lemon Grove Community Center, 3146 School Lane in Lemon Grove. The evening will include chili, chowder, chicken noodle soup, beverages and the Chinese auction. For tickets or information, call Jim Murphy at 697-6523.

Crime prevention subject of Sheriff's program

Learn simple crime prevention tips to protect yourself and your neighborhood by attending Neighborhood Watch Concepts and Reporting Suspicious Activity at 2 p.m. Saturday at Greater Victory Community Church, 2770 Glebe Rd. in Lemon Grove. A crime prevention specialist from the Sheriff's Department will present the program. Call 441-4037 for information and reservations.

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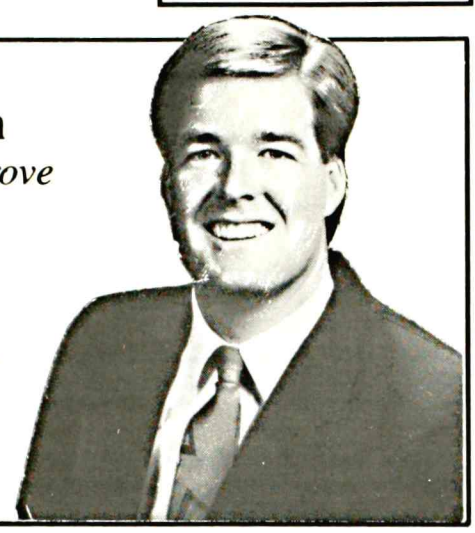

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No.: 19989137700803 Loan No.: 1512232
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED DECEMBER 2, 1993 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 4, 1999 at 10:00 AM, Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded December 15, 1993, as Instrument No. 1993-0846676, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California. Executed by Paul L. Binns, an unmarried man Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash or Cashier's check (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the south entrance to the County Courthouse at 220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA (Note: Cashier's check(s) must be made payable to Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN #576-331-03-00
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1606 San Altos Place Lemon Grove California 91945 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.
The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $137,496.04
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
Date: 01/07/1999 Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as Trustee
Bruce Cocklin, Authorized Signature
For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call 916-974-6099 Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250 Addison, Texas 75001
Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Pub: 01/14/99, 01/21/99, 01/28/99
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NOTICE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/27/97 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. T.S.# 45600-ZGJ4 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Notice is hereby given that Consolidated Reconveyance Company, A Division of Chicago Title Insurance Company as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by James M. Scarboro a widower and recorded on 10/31/97 as inst # 1997-0548717 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 04/13/98 as inst # 98-205730 of said Official Records, will Sell on 02/04/99 at 11:00 a.m. At the south entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, Ca at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States,) all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State and described as follows as more fully described on said deed of trust apn 577-240-19-00 trustee is selling property "as is, where is" The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7731 Lansing Drive, Lemon Grove, Ca 91945 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of sale is: $103,004.48 In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal of the note secured by said deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. This sale does not include the right to obtain any accrued rents that are collateral for the obligations secured by the deed of trust, whether or not sequestered, collected, or in the possession of a receiver, debtor-in-possession, the beneficiary or any other person. Dated 12/31/98 Consolidated Reconveyance Company, A division of Chicago Title Insurance Co. *24011 Ventura Blvd., 2nd floor Calabasas, CA 91302 (818) 876-8430 By: A. Saucedo Trustee Sale Officer Authorized Signor* LPP 21487 01/14, 01/21, & 01/28/99

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Assigned File No 99000202
The Name of the Business:
DUECE UNO COMMICATIONS
located at: 7046 Broadway #117 in: Lemon Grove, CA 91945 is hereby registered by the following owner:
JACKSON L. KINCAID
1303 CORONADO AVE.
SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The transaction of business began on: 1-5-99
Signature of Registrant:
JACKSON KINCAID
This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/ County Clerk of San Diego County on JAN 05, 1999
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1012948-01 APN: 576-750-12-00 TRA: 15012 Loan No. Hutchinson REF: Kenneth R. Anderson **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 21, 1991 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER** On February 4, 1999, at 10:00 A.M., Cal-Western Reconveyance Corp., a California corporation as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 29, 1991, as inst. No. 1991-0142675, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California, executed by Robert L. Hutchinson and La Verne Ruth Hutchinson, husband and wife, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank will be held at the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 East Main Street, El Cajon, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: completely described in said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1826 Denstone Place, Lemon Grove, Ca 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, to wit: $25,000.00, with interest thereon from 07/15/1998 at 12.000% per annum as provided in said note(s), plus costs and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT: $28,383.79. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm (619)590-9200 Cal-Western Reconveyance Corp., 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, Ca. 92022-9004 (619)590-9200. Dated: January 4, 1999 Trustee Sale Officer: Caroline R. Hawkins, Ext. 3021. 01/14,21,28/99 R-62826

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. GM-42623-C
Loan No. 450467287
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/18/96. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.
TRUSTOR: BRUCE L. BAUMANN AND RITA JO BAUMANN husband and wife
Duly Appointed Trustee: EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.
Recorded 6/26/96 as Instrument No. 1996-0320503 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California
Date of Sale: 2/11/99 at 12:00 PM
Place of Sale: AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL EAST, 300 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, CA
Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $111,776.47
Street Address or other common designation of real property:
2585 CYPRESS AVENUE
LEMON GROVE, California 91945-2909 APN #: 480-502-08-00
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
Date: January 15, 1999
EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.
15455 SAN FERNANDO MISSION BLVD.
SUITE #208
MISSION HILLS, CA 91345
(818) 361-6998
KATHLEEN GOWEN
1/21/99, 1/28/99, 2/4/99
LEMON GROVE REVIEW

Lemon Twist

Good news, bad news

by Cheryl Cohen

It's a good thing that Lemon Grove doesn't have a bell tower. Between the anonymous caller reporting strong odors of mismanagement, malcontent and a mass exodus from the city manager's office and the recreation department practically threatening to secede from the city and/or declare war on the Public Works Department, it's been a pretty stressful month so far.

And, that's not even counting your lovely mayor Mme. M. getting locked out of City Hall (they forgot to tell her they'd changed the locks), the newly-constructed $34,000 counter at City Hall (said by City Manager **Doug Yount** to be "much more open and friendly" than before) not meeting ADA requirements or Caltrans' assertion that a freeway agreement with Lemon Grove is not necessary because it would be redundant to the one with the county. Best course of action may be to stay clear of the chamber building cupola, and wear lots of drab-colored clothing.

The good news, is that while graffiti has appeared on the lipstick rock, it's been eradicated from the big lemon, (there should be a rule that all graffiti must be legible, dontcha think?) and, according to Yount, the city's marketing consultants, The Flannery Group, will *not* get a 10-percent commission on Old Time Days sponsorships which they have not brought in themselves — that is, *unless* their contract stands as was interpreted on the fly by City Attorney **Gloria McLean** at a recent council meeting. Also, the historic **H. Lee** house is being put to good use by some local transients who otherwise would have had to book a room elsewhere.

Chuck Pennell, along with the Lemon Grove Project, isn't letting any moss grow on the cash drawer. With a $10,000 award from the Thomas Ackerman Foundation, they've presented MVG Senior Programs with a $1,500 contribution for computer stuff, and another $1,500 to the Youth Advisory Board for their activities. Pennell reports that since March 1998, the LGP has received $83,000 in funding, most on behalf of other organizations. Wonder how much has been allocated for my Monkey Flag Cult Fund for my city flag contest lobbying expenses?

Hungry?, Dirk's Horseshoe Lounge now presents Steak Night every Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. for only $6! (Vampires not included) Try some of their chocolate tequila for a really cheap frontal lobotomy!

Don't forget to send your news to *the Review* or directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax), or E-mail me at cirious@cts.com.

Worship Directory

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Sunday: 7, 8:30 & 10 a.m. (English) 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)
5:30 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish)

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Sunday Worship & Church School 10:15 a.m.

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Loving God - Living Christ
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John R. Embree, Pastor
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